

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 2013

His Excellency Hassan Sheikh Mohamud
President of the Federal Republic of Somalia
Mogadishu

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I congratulate the people of Somalia on their success in establishing a new Government of Somalia. The United States of America is pleased to recognize your government, upon confirmation of the following arrangements for the conduct of relations between the United States of America and Somalia.

First, recalling Somalia's existing legal obligations to the United States of America, including existing bilateral and multilateral treaty obligations and financial obligations to the United States of America, such as those that relate to the conduct of diplomatic and consular relations and those outlined under the Agreement effected by exchange of notes dated August 22, 1980, and the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation, effected by exchange of notes dated June 14, October 12 and 13, 1981, I seek your commitment to work with the Government of the United States of America to fulfill these obligations. The United States of America is, of course, prepared to review any such treaties to determine whether they should be revised, terminated, or replaced to take into account developments in U.S.-Somalia relations.

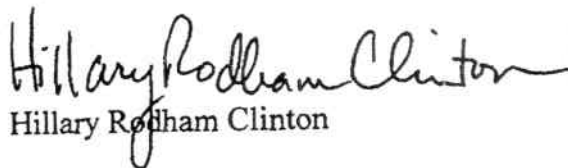
Second, I seek your confirmation that the Government of Somalia will honor the United States of America's property rights in Somalia, including continued U.S. ownership of the entire 720,000 square meter site of the former U.S. embassy in Somalia. The United States of America is prepared to honor Somalia's property rights in the United States of America, including with regard to any properties or proceeds held by the United States of America.

Third, I seek your assurances that the Government of Somalia will respect human rights in accordance with international law and ensure democratic, just, and transparent governance in Somalia. This includes protecting rights enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and meeting its other obligations under international human rights law. It also includes holding free and fair elections, protecting the rights necessary to permit civil society organizations to operate, taking necessary and appropriate steps to fight corruption, and enshrining the rule of law.

Fourth, I seek your confirmation that Somalia consents to the United States of America continuing to conduct its economic, technical, and security assistance programs throughout Somalia, including those in and with Somaliland and Puntland, on the understanding that future political and constitutional arrangements will clarify the respective responsibilities of the central government and regional administrative entities.

I look forward to receiving, by reply to this note, your concurrence with these arrangements and with the continued development of cordial and productive relations between the United States of America and Somalia.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton



Republic of Somalia
The Presidency

Date: 17/01/2013

The Honorable
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Madam Secretary:

On behalf of the Government of Somalia, I thank the government and people of the United States of America for the recognition of our government. I am pleased to confirm the arrangements you have proposed for the conduct of relations between the United States of America and Somalia.

First, recalling Somalia's existing legal obligations to the United States of America, including existing bilateral and multilateral treaty obligations and financial obligations to the United States of America, such as those that relate to the conduct of diplomatic and consular relations and those outlined under the Agreement effected by exchange of notes dated August 22, 1980, and the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation, effected by exchange of notes dated June 14, October 12 and 13, 1981, I commit to work with the Government of the United States of America to fulfill these obligations. Somalia is also prepared to review any such treaties to determine whether they should be revised, terminated, or replaced to take into account developments in U.S.-Somalia relations.

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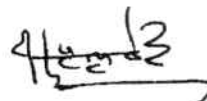
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We look forward to the continued development of cordial and productive relations between Somalia and the United States of America.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hassan Sheikh Mohamud', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hassan Sheikh Mohamud